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## ZEPPELIN RAID OVER HEART OF LONDON; 20 DIE

Bombs Dropped in Shadow of Westminster Abbey.

Eighty-six, Grazed by Death, Suffer From Injuries.

## WOMEN AND CHILDREN MAIMED

Only One Soldier Killed Among All the Victims.

Toll of Aircraft in City to Date; 122 Fatalities, 349 Hurt.

London, Sept. 9.—There were no Americans among the Zeppelin air raid victims, the American embassy and the American consulate reported this afternoon.

London, Sept. 9.—Twenty persons were killed and eighty-six others injured in last night's Zeppelin raid.

These figures were given out officially today.

The German airships flew over the eastern counties of England and the London district. The official statement gives the following list of casualties:

Killed—Twelve men, 2 women and 6 children.

Injured, seriously—Eight men, 4 women and 2 children.

Injured, slightly—Thirty-eight men, 22 women and 11 children.

One soldier was killed and three injured. All the other victims were civilians.

Censor Holds Down Lid.

The extent of property damage had not been permitted to pass the censor at 1 p. m. New York time. It was known, however, that many fires were caused by the bombs.

An interview with Marconi, which the censor allowed a press association to send from London, revealed the fact that he witnessed the raid and it is known that he stops at a hotel near Trafalgar square. This was the first definite statement that the raid was directly over London, permitted to pass the censor.

A large portion of the American colony resides in the Trafalgar square district, a section of large hotels and clubs.

The attack of last night brings up the total of casualties from Zeppelin raids to 122 killed and 349 injured. On the previous night thirteen persons were killed and forty-three wounded.

Last night's official statement concerning the ship raid stated that the Zeppelins "visited the eastern counties and the London district." English newspapers are prohibited from publishing "official" details concerning such attacks, but the foregoing guarded reference indicates that the Zeppelins approached the heart of the city more closely than on previous occasions.

War at Close Quarters.

London, Sept. 9.—The raid of Zeppelins last night is described by the Pall Mall Gazette as "Londoners' first glimpse of the war at close quarters." The Evening Standard speaks of the coolness shown everywhere, but warns the public against "indiscreetly widespread and unwarranted disposition to regard the affair as a species of spectacle."

It suggests that in addition to the Zeppelin, which within limits "is a terrible instrument of war," there is also danger from anti-air craft guns. Therefore, the public, it said, would be well advised to take aerial visitors more seriously than it did last night.

Bombs in Heart of Capital.

Chicago, Sept. 9.—The Daily News today bases a surmise that last night's Zeppelin raids on England must have been over the heart of London, on two telegrams from a staff correspondent at London. The first read: "Daily News office and staff safe," and the second, "All well."

"It is evident," says the Daily News, "that the raid on the British capital was effective in one way, what is called 'The heart of London.' The Daily News office there is on Trafalgar square, not far from Westminster abbey."

Americans in London at Own Risk.

Washington, Sept. 9.—Americans are in London at their own risk.

This was the view unofficially taken at the state department today on arrival of dispatches in Washington telling of the Zeppelin raid on the British capital in which, reading between the censor's lines, it appeared that an aerial bombardment was directed against the down town hotel district where visitors from America are most numerous.

London, officials said, undoubtedly is now a fortified city.

This was declared to mean that the attack was justified by international law and that foreigners there must take their own chances.

Over London and Nancy.

Berlin, Sept. 9.—The war office today announced German air raids on London and on the French town of Nancy.

## WAR NEWS OF ONE YEAR AGO TODAY

The battle of the Marne results victoriously for the Allies.

Vienna in German news that operations against Russians had cost one-fourth of the first line—125,000 men being killed, wounded or missing.

Austrians begin evacuation of Cracow. Przemyśl besieged by Russians.

Premier Asquith asks parliament to authorize a new call for 500,000 volunteers.

The South African Union promises whole-hearted support to British empire.

## ENTENTE ALLIES MASS FOR SMASHING BLOW ON THE DARDANELLES

Sofia, Sept. 9.—According to information received from reliable sources, the allies are now concentrating large forces, including many heavy landing artillery, for a general attack on the Dardanelles.

The presence of mine sweepers at Sedul-Bahr, near the entrance to the straits, is regarded as forecasting increased activity, including a vigorous bombardment of the outer Dardanelles forts.

## CZAR AFTER TURK

Grand Duke Soon to Strike Hard on Asiatic Front.

Critics See Method in "Madness" of Emperor Nicholas.

London, Sept. 9.—A Ruter dispatch from Petrograd says Grand Duke Nicholas started for the Caucasus last evening. Emperor Nicholas went to the railroad station to say farewell to the new viceroy.

London, Sept. 9.—Commenting upon the changes in the Russian high commands, the military expert of the Times says that short of some serious mistake which the grand duke has hitherto shown no sign of making, the Russians can now carry on an orderly and quiet retreat, fighting where they please and for as long as it pleases them, until the wet season imposes a halt on their enemies.

Austrians Lose Opportunity.

The correspondent declares he fails to understand why a mass of Austrian troops were kept quiescent in Galicia during two critical months instead of being transferred to the Vilna front for the profit of the decisive operation there. He considers in this the Germans showed poor strategy and threw away an opportunity which may never come again.

The Petrograd correspondent of the Times thinks the appointment of General Polivanoff, minister of war, as premier, will be announced soon, and points out that the imperial order coincides with the beginning of a solemn fast ordained by the holy synod, which adds solemnity to an historical event.

New Offensive Against Sultan.

Other papers suggest the appointment of the grand duke as commander-in-chief.

## TRANSPORT DOWN

English Liner Is Reported Sunk in Turkish Waters.

Ship Named Was Formerly the Red Star Vaterland.

Berlin, Sept. 9.—A statement given out by the Overseas News agency today quotes the Weser Zeitung, of Bremen, as saying that the British steamship Southland, serving as a transport, was torpedoed recently in Turkish waters.

The news agency says: "The Weser Zeitung of Bremen points out that the transport Southland was torpedoed in Turkish waters. The Southland formerly was the Red Star liner Vaterland. These steamers flew the Belgian flag up to the time of the occupation of Belgium, and then sailed under the American flag. The Southland, which lately was flying the American flag, suddenly was changed into a British transport."

No previous report has been made concerning the torpedoing of the Southland. The British government has made no announcement of the sinking of another transport, following the loss of the Royal Edward August 14. Shipping records show, however, that the Red Star liner Vaterland was torpedoed in the southern sea, and was commandeered by the British government for war purposes last March, as between actual cost of property and the "reproduction" cost, upon which basis the road's valuations are made.

## RAIL EXPERT UNDER FIRE

Oklahoma Attorneys Attack Valuation Figures of G. C. & S. F. Man.

Oklahoma City, Sept. 9.—Continuation of the attack upon testimony of F. C. Merritt, chief engineer of the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe, in the two fare cases being heard here, was taken up by attorneys for the state today.

In Mr. Merritt's testimony yesterday many differences, some of them great, were apparent in the valuation figures of his road, as between actual cost of property and the "reproduction" cost, upon which basis the road's valuations are made.

It was pointed out that the Santa Fe experts will be on the stand for the remainder of the week, after which the Erie valuation authorities will be called.

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## FIRM CUTS WORK DAY

Motor Parts Concern Asks 10 Hours' Results in Eight.

Toledo, O., Sept. 9.—The Warner Manufacturing company, exclusive manufacturer of automobile parts, announced today the company would reduce the working hours at its plant to forty-eight hours a week during October, with no change in the scale of wages.

The reduction is voluntary and is being made as an experiment. Owing to strong competition, it is said, the men must produce the same results in forty-eight hours as employees at other plants do in sixty.

## RUSS IN SIGNAL VICTORY AS CZAR TAKES COMMAND

Teutons Lose More Than 8,000 Men Near Tarnopol.

Kaiser Fails to Hurl Russians Out of Galicia.

## NEW SPIRIT IN MUSCOVY

Slavs See Fortune Favoring the Little Father.

Germans Unable to Make Progress Against Riga.

Petrograd, Sept. 9.—A decisive victory in the fighting before Tarnopol was chronicled by the war office today as the czar took the command of the Russian armies. Tarnopol is seventy miles east of Lemberg and near the Galician frontier.

Two German divisions, reinforced

## BULGARIANS RUSHING GUNS TO DEDEAGHATCH; FORTIFY STRATEGIC POINTS OF CITY

Paris, Sept. 9.—According to a dispatch to the Temps from Dedagatch, the Bulgarians are actively fortifying that port and its environs. Heavy guns are being placed at all strategic points, the dispatch adds, eighteen large pieces having been taken through the city last night.

## PAY UP OR QUIT!

State Camping on Trail of 100 Corporations.

Turn in Tax or Lose Charters Says Botkin.

Nearly 100 Kansas corporations must pay their corporation tax fees to the state within the next sixty days or retire from business. That was the decision today following a conference between J. T. Botkin, secretary of state, and assistants in the attorney general's office.

For nearly nine months the state has been trying to make collection

## TAKING EVERYTHING ON HIGH



by an Austrian brigade and heavy artillery. They were huddled in an attempt to throw the Slavs out of Galicia. The Russians counter-attacked and are driving the enemy westward. The Austro-German losses reported early yesterday totaled more than 200 officers and 8,000 men.

Crowds gathered in the streets to cheer the news of the most important Russian victory in the southeast since the Austro-German drive began. Everywhere the news was connected with the action of the emperor in assuming personal charge of the entire Russian military forces.

"It is an omen of success for the Little Father," was the approving murmur that ran through the crowds in the streets.

In other sections of the long battle line similar successes have crowned the fresh efforts of the czar's armies. The Russians have more than 2,000 prisoners, and not only have beaten back every attempt to advance, but have delivered successful counter attacks.

In the major attempt against Riga, the Germans have been unable to make progress.

Germans Strike in West.

Paris, Sept. 9.—There was very violent fighting last night in the Argonne region, according to an announcement made this afternoon by the French war office. The Germans attacked the French lines with great force.

With one exception their lines everywhere held fast. In the Argonne a section of a trench to the east of Longeville was captured by the Germans.

The French statement says the night's fighting netted the French some prisoners.

Important Victory, Says Berlin.

Berlin, Sept. 9.—An important victory in the Argonne was announced today by the war office. French positions over a front of two kilometers (1 1/4 miles and 300 to 500 yards deep) were captured.

Weather Forecast for Kansas.

Unsettled with probably thunder showers tonight and Thursday.

## NORTH FT. SCOTT UNDER ARMY LAW AFTER BIG FLOOD

Capper Orders Out Militia on Appeal of Mayor.

Troops Held Necessary to Enforce Sanitary Measures.

## FLOOD SECTION IS FIRE TRAP

Water Cuts Off Department in Main Part of Town.

Water Famine Threatened; Loss in County \$500,000.

Fort Scott, Kan., Sept. 9.—Governor Capper declared martial law in North Fort Scott, the flooded residence district, today, and placed Company K, Kansas National Guard, in charge.

The action followed an appeal by Mayor Hegner, who told the governor he believed the guardsmen necessary

## AMERICAN WORKING FOR MEXICAN DISARMAMENT IN TEXAS, BANDITS' TARGET

Brownsville, Tex., Sept. 9.—Sam Robertson of San Benito, Tex., who, two days ago, apparently was successful in the co-operative American-Mexican movement for Mexican disarmament, was the target of bandits to give up their arms, was fired upon several times last night in an automobile near Brownsville, not far from San Benito.

One bullet penetrated Robertson's hat and hit his automobile. Brownsville is the scene of the killing of the two Americans last week. Rangers claim to have evidence that these bandits have been hiding in the brush near Brownsville since last week's assassination of the two Americans.

## LILLIE TO LEAVE

Mechanical Superintendent of Rock Island to Salt Lake.

Well Known Official Will Handle Work of Utah Copper Co.

G. W. Lillie, for the last two years district mechanical superintendent of the Rock Island Lines, headquarters in Topeka, will leave this city September 15 to take up a position with the Utah Copper company at Salt Lake City.

Lillie came to Topeka two years ago from Rock Island, Ill., to take charge of the mechanical department of the second district of the Rock Island under the reorganization of the department at that time. He had been with the road but one year, joining the mechanical department at Rock Island from the Oregon Short Line. He is a man of rare mechanical ability and is well known throughout the western railway world.

Officials at the Rock Island general offices in Topeka this afternoon stated that no successor had been named.

## REFINERS TO CITY

Independents Coming to Confer With Attorney General.

Ask Relief in Courts From Standard Oil Practice.

Nearly thirty representatives of independent refineries are coming to Topeka next week to discuss the oil situation with the attorney general. For two months the Standard Oil company and the independents have been in a rate fight in Kansas. In that time the price of crude oil has advanced from 40 cents to 75 cents a barrel. Joseph Longshore, former state oil inspector, declares, "The Standard has failed to advance the price of the refined products in Kansas, although it is said an advance was made in several other states."

Representatives of independent companies to discuss this action have been in violation of the state anti-discrimination law and they say they will ask for relief in the courts. Last week the independent companies increased the price of gasoline one cent. Standard prices remained stationary. "If we cannot get relief in the state courts, we will urge federal action," said Longshore, who now is a representative of an independent company.

The attorney general has notified Kansas representatives of the Standard Oil company to come to Topeka next Wednesday to discuss the present situation with the attorney general.

They will meet at the same time and urge action in the courts.

## MILLS TO WICHITA

Former Dry Goods Dealer on Visit to Kansas Town.

W. W. Mills, former president of the Mills Dry Goods company, left this morning for Wichita to visit a day or two with friends. Mr. Mills is in apparent good health and said the State Journal was correct in saying he was not retired from his business on account of ill health.

Mr. Mills is yet young in years as well as in spirit. He said he intended to continue to make Topeka his home and had in many respects the same ambition he felt when he started in business here 32 years ago.

While he would in no way discuss his future, there is a feeling that he will again engage in business here where he has built up a large clientele of customers and friends. The Mills building will always be a monument to his enterprise and belief in Topeka and Kansas, although he may have been ahead of the times.

## RAIN WAS GENERAL

Nearly an Inch Has Fallen at Topeka in 24 Hours.

Rain measuring .75 of an inch fell in Topeka last night bringing the total for the twenty-four hours up to .32 of an inch. The rain was general over the entire state.

With a nine mile wind blowing from the coast today the temperature averaged two degrees below normal. Following are the hourly temperature readings for today:

7 o'clock	66	11 o'clock	65
8 o'clock	66	12 o'clock	69
9 o'clock	67	1 o'clock	70
10 o'clock	67	2 o'clock	72
		3 o'clock	73

## VIENNA MAY BE ASKED TO RECALL PERNICIOUS ADE

Wilson to Act Only if Austria-Hungary Does Not.

Friendship Best Served by Trip by Dumba Home.

## 'VACATION' MAY BE SUFFICIENT

President Very Reluctant to Take Initial Action.

Exit of Rusem Bay Recalled as "One Way Out."

Washington, Sept. 9.—Unless the Austrian government itself takes some step in the cause of Dr. Constantin Dumba, the diplomatic incident growing out of the disclosure of the ambassador's connection with plans for hampering manufacture of war munitions in the United States probably will be called to the attention of the Vienna foreign office.

Further developments in the case today awaited receipt of certain documentary evidence which President Wilson and Secretary Lansing are expecting from London. In the meanwhile officials regarded it as not impossible that unless the president himself or his foreign office took some step, it might be intimated to Vienna that the good relations between the United States and Austria-Hungary would best be preserved by the presence of another ambassador. The exact procedure, however, has not been decided on.

Those closest to the president described his attitude as being very reluctant. In the disclosure of the case, he hopes the situation will be relieved by the action of the ambassador himself or his government. It has been reported the ambassador contemplated taking a vacation to attend to personal business at home. That might satisfy the needs of diplomacy.

A Rusem Bay, the ambassador from Turkey took leave of absence some time ago after making public statement which violated diplomatic decorum.

Archibald's Passports Cancelled.

Secretary Lansing has cancelled the passports of James F. J. Archibald, the American correspondent upon whom British secret service men found communications from Dr. Constantin Dumba, the Austro-Hungarian agent, to his foreign office on the subject of fomenting strikes in American munitions plants.

Gets Pass Back Home.

Archibald, now in London, and American Minister Van Dyke has been instructed to issue an emergency passport to permit his return to the United States.

The department of justice probably will be called upon to decide if he has violated any law of the United States in acting as a messenger for one of the European belligerents.

Cancellation of Archibald's passports is the first official action in a diplomatic situation which it has been suggested might extend to the future.

American government officials were amazed at the disclosure which followed Archibald's detention at Portsmouth, and were particularly annoyed that an American passport had been used to carry what practically amounted to military information.

Dumba Defends Action.

Dr. Dumba has made his explanations to Secretary Lansing, saying the only instructions he received from his government were to give widest publicity to the decree announcing enforcement of the Austro-Hungarian penal code against subjects who suggested in any way war munitions for their country's enemies. He contended he was fully within his rights in warning his countrymen.

This government's decision, it is understood, will not be reached until more documentary evidence comes from London.

## APPEALS GAS CASE

Public Utilities Commission Goes to the Supreme Court.

The public utilities commission today appealed to the state supreme court from the decision of Judge Flannely of Montgomery county on his recent ruling on a demurrer in one of the gas cases. Attorneys for the commission filed a demurrer to the petition of the Kansas Natural Relevers, who sought to secure court interference in the regulation of rates. Judge Flannely overruled the demurrer.

It is probable that the appeal today will be considered with other cases appealed to the supreme court from the Montgomery county district court in the gas litigation. Attorneys Helm, Castor and Jackson certified to the court a transcript of the Montgomery county proceedings and asked that the action of Judge Flannely be set aside. Under the present agreement between the lawyers for the utilities commission and the gas company, it is probable that all of the gas cases in the supreme court will be consolidated and heard September 22.

## WAR ODDITIES.

London.—A British soldier who lost his feet at the front and who was fitted with artificial pedal extremities, was seen yesterday in the front lines in uniform.

Paris.—A recently issued military order prohibits soldiers, back from the front, carrying in uniform graves, cemeteries or roads where Canadian soldiers have fallen in France and Flanders.